

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
November 13, 2019

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 7:00p.m., in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who lead in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Public Forum

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, Monongahela, thanked Chief Harris for speaking with him and was grateful for him being Pro-Active in listening to suggestions, and would like to offer Council various ideas concerning their departments. Also asked about a camera system and live feed for the Municipal Meetings.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, Monongahela spoke about the Main Street Program and commended the Library on a successful bake sale, held on Election Day. He also passed around before and after pictures of successful renovation of buildings on Main Street, Third Street and Second Street. The Main Street Program and Facade Program has helped to bring economic development to the City.

He was also asked by Councilman Polonoli if he will be bringing back his Calliopica Calendar.

James Braun, 1228 Elmcrest Street, Monongahela, reminded people that the New Eagle Train Layout at 159 Main Street, New Eagle, is opening November 30 & December 1st, from Noon to 5:00 and every weekend in December from noon to 5:00, and January 4th & 5th, noon to 5:00. Donations are your only entrance fee.

He addressed the possibility of the Ellsworth Rails & Trails project. He stated he was against this project and voiced his concerns that more research should be done with the location and with safety issues.

Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Police report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Assistant Clerk:

Yeas
Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The Motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics, and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Code Enforcement Report be approved and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Assistant Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics

Asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor said he is winding down with one month left to go and he stated his appreciation for everyone working together.

Report of Accounts and Finance

Councilman Kulak said he will be working on getting everything ready for the first reading of the new budget. Made a motion to hire JoAnn Kiggins, as the new City Clerk, at a salary of \$42,000.00, contingent on JoAnn becoming a Notary during her 90 day probation period.

It was recommended by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Bob Kepics, to hire JoAnn Kiggins.

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council, the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Public Safety

Councilwoman Williams stated that the Rental Inspections are winding down, and Charlie Fritch is working very hard at getting the inspections finished. Les is working hard, as well, on code violation issues. Councilwoman Williams asked that a motion be made to draw up a new bill, by our Solicitor Todd Pappasergi, to rezone the MEC Property. The rezoning would be for the 136/Dry Run Road corridor only and revoking possible rezoning of the Third Ward properties involved.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Kulak for approval of a new bill be drawn up by Solicitor Todd

Pappasergi and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Assistant Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Yeas 5

Nays 0

Report of Streets and Improvements

Councilman Miller reminded people that the Street Department is collecting leaves and to be sure to rake them to the curb so the leaf sucker can pick them up.

Report of Parks and Property

Councilman Polonoli said that Tamie Gido will be going to a workshop concerning DCNR grants and he will be applying for Park grants. He stated the Aquatorium has been winterized. Light-Up Night is Friday, the 22nd, and the artwork of the City, painted by Bentworth students, will be on display at the Chamber Building. He also said he has purchased cement block for the baseball dugout repairs, occurring next Spring.

Report of Solicitor

Report of Chief

Chief Harris stated that the newly installed cameras are working very well at the Street Department. He said his department is ready for Light-Up Night and that the parade will begin at the New Eagle Fire Hall.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Assistant Clerk:

Yeas

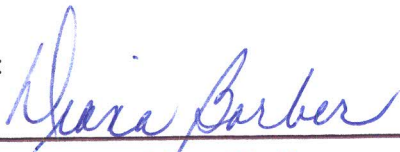
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Yeas 5

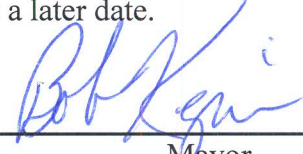
Nays 0

The meeting was not adjourned, but continued for approval of the 2020 budget. The date of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

Attest:



Assistant City Clerk



Mayor